

Meeting Minutes

West Central Phoenix (WCP) Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Maryvale Community Center
4420 N. 51st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

DRAFT MINUTES

Ref: OU #07-188

CAB members present: Don Stoltzfus, Mary Bettis, Paul Holzer, and Barbara Keene (new member)

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Danita Hardy, Project Manager; Joey Pace, Hydrologist; Linda Mariner, Community Involvement Coordinator; Julie Reimenschneider, Remedial Projects Unit Manager; and Delfina Olivarez, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Mike Beasley, Connie Miljour, Kelly West, and Tiffany Downey (Geo Trans)

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Don Stoltzfus conducted the meeting and elected to change the order of the agenda.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes to November 8, 2004 minutes

Ms. Bettis moved to accept the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Holzer and passed.

3. Discussion/Voting on CAB Applicants

Ms. Mariner reported that only one of the four applicants was present at the meeting. Two applicants said they would be in attendance, and messages were left for the other two. The applicant, Ms. Barbara Keene, introduced herself and explained that she represented the Phoenix Residential Improvement District Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) and was very interested in learning more and participating on the CAB. Ms. Mariner reported that Ms. Michele Spaulding was interested in serving and planned on attending the meeting, but didn't make it. Mr. Stoltzfus motioned to approve Ms. Barbara Keene's and Ms. Michele Spaulding's CAB applications. Ms. Bettis seconded the motion, and the motion was passed

4. Summary of Past Activities and Current Updates of all WCP Sites – Danita Hardy, ADEQ Project Manager

Ms. Hardy began with a summary of each site's discovery and a review of past activities. In 1982, contamination was detected in four City of Phoenix (COP) public water supply wells. The two wells with the highest concentrations of TCE were immediately shut down. The other two were shut down in March 1989. ADEQ designated the area of groundwater contamination as the West Central Phoenix (WCP) WQARF Site and placed it on the WQARF Registry List in 1987. In 1998, the five sites were separated as follows: North Plume, North Canal Plume, West Osborn Complex, East Grand Avenue, and West Grand Avenue. Each site within the WCP area is currently in the remedial investigation phase of the WQARF process which accomplishes the following tasks:

- 1) Determines the sources of the contamination,
- 2) Identifies potential responsible parties of the contaminated properties,
- 3) Provides a completed characterization of the contamination,
- 4) Researches water and land use of the area, and
- 5) States the remedial objectives for the site.

Ms. Hardy continued stating the primary contaminants known to be present at levels above regulatory limits include TCE and PCE, which are industrial solvents used in metal degreasing and dry cleaning. Ms. Hardy pointed out that in the 1950s and 1960s, when most of the contamination occurred, there were no environmental laws established to prevent the disposal of industrial wastewater containing the industrial solvents from being directly dumped into dry wells, septic tanks and seepage pits. This type of disposal for waste products was a standard practice in the manufacturing industry, and it wasn't until later that it was discovered that these solvents remained in the groundwater and presented a threat to human health and the environment.

WCP North Plume Site:

Ms. Hardy stated that four facilities have been investigated in the WCP North Plume Site: the F&B Mfg. Co. (F&B), the former Pyramid Industries, the former Rinchem, and Hill Brothers Chemical Corporation. Investigations at the four facilities in the WCP North Plume site have been ongoing since 1984. Contaminants detected in soils and groundwater include PCE, TCE, and 1,1-DCE. These are chlorinated solvents that were used in the cleaning of manufactured parts. These solvents are no longer used anymore.

ADEQ started a consent decree with F&B, but F&B was financially unable to fulfill the original Consent Decree requirements. A new consent decree was negotiated stating that ADEQ will complete the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and conduct the remediation of the F&B facility.

5. Solicitation and Consideration of Proposed Remedial Objectives (ROs) for the WCP North Plume Site

Ms. Hardy gave an overview of each site and then explained that the North Plume Site has progressed in their remedial investigation to the stage of soliciting remedial objectives (ROs) from land and water users. This process includes the following steps:

1. Hold a public meeting (the CAB meeting) to discuss the site and to get information for the ROs.
2. Invite land owners, local governments, water providers, and the public to discuss uses that are impaired or lost due to the contamination, as well as future uses which could be impacted by the contamination.
3. Prepare a responsiveness summary to respond to any comments submitted.
4. Create the proposed RO Report that lists the uses, time-frames when action is needed to protect or provide for the use, and the duration of the actions needed.

After explaining the ROs process, Ms. Hardy showed how the Land and Water Use Study Report helps to determine the objectives of the cleanup of a site. The North Plume Site is zoned primarily for industrial use, and there are no foreseeable changes to that in the future. Salt River Project (SRP) owns several irrigation wells in the area and will continue to need operational wells to supplement surface water supplies. None of the SRP wells within the site boundary are affected by the contamination. She stated that ADEQ would like input from the CAB members concerning the proposed ROs during the next few weeks. Any comments, concerns or suggestions about the proposed ROs for the site can be communicated to Ms. Hardy for the site before July 13, 2007. No one had any suggestions at this time.

Mr. Stoltzfus asked when a draft RO Report would be out. Ms. Riemenscheider responded that she would like to see a draft RO Report sometime around the end of July.

6. Call to the Public

Ms. Mariner and Ms. Riemenscheider asked for verbal solicitations for the RO for the North Plume. Ms. Riemenscheider informed the CAB that this time is just for the verbal solicitation of comments and that comments for the ROs will be taken until July 13, 2007. After July 13, 2007 a Proposed RO Report will be drafted up and presented, where again comments will be taken for the next month before finalizing the RO Report. No verbal comments were made from the public.

7. Future Meeting Plans / Agenda Discussion

Ms. Mariner suggested the next CAB meeting be held in a different location. It was suggested that future meetings be held at either the Senior Citizen Center on Thomas Road or at one of the nearby elementary schools. Ms. Mariner will explore those possibilities. The next CAB meeting was tentatively set for the week of August 28th. Recommended agenda items included: web access for pertinent site information, well sampling results, presentation on draft RO Report, voting on new members, nomination of new co-chairs, and draft CIP update review.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Bettis moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Holzer seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.